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REPORT

OF THE

COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB, Kendall Green, near Washington, D. C., October 2, 1888.

SIR: In compliance with the acts of Congress making provision for the support of this institution, we have the honor to report its progress during the year ended June 30, 1888:

The pupils remaining in this institution on the 1st of July, 1887, numbered Admitted during the year	30
Since admitted	23
Total	137

Under instruction since July 1, 1887, males, 103; females, 34. Of these, 65 have been in the collegiate department, representing 20 States and the District of Columbia, and 72 in the primary department.

The number of pupils from the District of Columbia, under instruction since the date of our last report, is twenty-seven, of which twenty-five now remain. The number in the college, as allowed by section 4865 R. S., since the date of the last report, has been fifty-four, no more than forty being present at any given time.

A list of the names of the pupils connected with the institution since

July 1, 1887, will be found appended to this report.

HEALTH OF THE PUPILS.

Very few cases of illness have occurred among the pupils during the year-none of a serious character, and no deaths. The institution has, however, experienced a sad loss in the death of the attending physician.

DEATH OF DR. GARNETT.

Dr. Alexander Y. P. Garnett, who died at Rehoboth Beach, Del., last July, was the attending physician to the institution during the first four years of its history, viz, from May, 1857, to May, 1861. For twenty months of this period, at a time when the resources of the institution were small, he served without charge. Removing his residence to Richmond, Va., in the spring of 1861, he was succeeded by Dr. N. S. Lincoln, who filled the office of attending physician to this institution with signal

success until the summer of 1885. Upon Dr. Lincoln's resignation, Dr. Garnett, having returned to Washington several years previously, resumed his old position, and continued to discharge its duties up to the time of his death. His interest in the work of the institution was keen and appreciative. His vivacity and good humor in the sick-room helped on his patients to recovery and won him the friendship of all who came in contact with him. Of his professional ability it is not necessary to speak in this report. It is enough to say that he ranked with the first practitioners in the District of Columbia. His death is a source of sincere sorrow in this institution, and his memory will ever be cherished here.

DEATHS IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Since the date of our last report, two members of the Board of Directors, both of advanced age, and early benefactors of the institution, have passed away—William W. Corcoran and James C. McGuire.

William W. Corcoran.—The directors, at a meeting held on the day of Mr. Corcoran's funeral in January last, adopted the following minntes:

In the death of William Wilson Corcoran, the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb sustains an irreparable loss; for Mr. Corcoran was one of those, very few of whom now remain, whose liberal gifts, in the earliest days, made the establishment of this institution possible.

As a member of the board of management Mr. Corcoran's active, earnest interest in the institution will ever be remembered; an interest maintained even in the closing months of his life, the last meeting of the directors, in October, having been held by his request, at his residence. His many valuable benefactions, given whenever his aid was sought, to both the school and the college, his kindly presence on public occasions, his warm sympathy, often expressed, with the peculiar work of the institution, will cause his name to be handed down in its history as one of the real saints in its calendar.

The directors desire to express their keen sense of personal sorrow in Mr. Corcoran's death.

His place among them may be supplied, it can never be filled.

The precious lessons of his pure and noble life are commended to the youth of the institution as that which may inspire in them the loftiest possible aims, both for the life on earth and for that which is to be hereafter.

James C. McGuire.—Mr. McGuire, long and favorably known as a prominent business man in the Federal capital, was a warm personal friend of the founder of this institution, the Hon. Amos Kendall.

As such he became interested in the establishment of the institution. He was named by act of Congress as one of its corporators and first directors, and contributed liberally to its resources during the first five years of its existence. Until his health failed he was regular in his attendance upon the meetings of the Board, and often, even in later years, was present at such meetings and on public occasions at no little sacrifice of his personal comfort.

For his benefactions to the cause of deaf-mute education in this District, for the faithful discharge of his duties as a director, and for his kindly personal qualities, he will be remembered here with respect and affection.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The work of instruction in the several departments of the institution has been carried on in accordance with the full curriculum which was presented in the report for 1887, and which need not be repeated at this time. Our pupils and students, under the care of their competent and zealous instructors, have made satisfactory progress.

LECTURES.

During the past year the following lectures were delivered to the pupils of the Kendall School:

Illustrations of Greek Mythology. By Mr. Denison.

Statesmen and Soldiers of the Civil War. By Mr. Ballard.

Story of Evangeline. By Mr. Kiesel.

Humorous Aspects of Life. By Mr. Bryant.

Life of Israel Putnam. By Mr. Goldberg. Life of Ethan Allen. By Mr. Staudacher.

The Conquest of Mexico by Cortez. By Mr. Gross.

FITTING UP OF THE LABORATORY.

In one of the important departments of our college work, that of chemistry, our facilities for teaching have been vastly increased during the year now under review, by the partial fitting up of the new laboratory, the completion of which was mentioned in our last report.

The equipment of the laboratory includes a lecture-table, four working tables of improved designs supplied with Bunsen burners, hot and cold-water-taps, tanks, shelves, drawers, and lockers; a number of hoods with out-door draughts, under which all operations involving the generation of noxious gases can be carried on; an instantaneous water-heater, a combustion furnace, a hot-water drying oven, a Becker balance in case, a microscope, a spectroscope, Gaiffe's induction apparatus, and a set of volumetric apparatus; also sets of reagents and the principal chemicals required to illustrate the elements of chemistry.

Already several of our graduates have become practical chemists, and we have reason to expect that many other deaf youths will be able, in this branch of professionable labor, to compete with their hearing brothers.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

The benefits of regular physical training, provided by the liberality of Congress a few years ago, continue to be most apparent. That such training is of great assistance in mental and moral as well as physical improvement there can be no doubt.

Muscular exertion, tending to a more perfect development of the nervous system, at the same time securing rest to the brain, can not but act favorably in helping on strong, vigorous, mental growth; while gymnasium work as an outlet for that surplus animal vitality in the young, which so often renders discipline necessary, is a valuable aid in preserving the moral tone of an educational institution.

The aim of our gymnastic training is in the direction of producing well-developed, straight, symmetrical, serviceable bodies, rather than enormous muscles and giant strength. The weak muscles are exercised and built up rather than those already strong by nature.

The measurements last year of members of the senior and sophomore classes, as compared with the measurements taken of the same men on entering college, will give an idea of the gain both in actual size and strength and in symmetry. The measurements are taken in millimeters.

Year.	Weight.	Height.	Chest (full.)	Chest (repose.)	Right upper arm.	Left upper arm.	Breadth of shoulder.
1881 1887 1884 1887	115 139	Millimeters 1, 608 1, 761 1, 482 1, 639	Millimeters. . 865 . 917 . 670 . 775	. 835 . 885 . 620	Millimeters 246 . 307 . 192 . 250	Millimeters 253 . 308 . 193 . 250	Millimeters

The number of times the body can be lifted by the action of either the triceps or biceps muscles, multiplied by the weight of the body in pounds, will give the relative strength of the arms before and after development. On this basis the comparative strength-tests of the arms of the above students read as follows:

1001	Pounds.
1881	0
1887	9 641
1884	7071
1887	10
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As an illustration of what may be accomplished in six months in the direction of development and symmetry with a new man, the accompanying figures tell their own story.

Date.	Weight.	Height.	Chest (full).	Chest (repose).	Right thigh.	Left thigh.
November, 1887 April, 1888	Pounds. 131 139	Millimeters. 1, 667 1, 696	Millimeters. . 883 . 911	Millimeters. . 838 . 842	Millimeters. . 535 . 535	Millimeters 533 . 535
Date.	Right calf.	Left calf.	Right upper arm.	Left upper arm.	Right fore- arm.	Left fore- arm.
November, 1887 April, 1888	. 362	Millimeters. . 368 . 368	Millimeters. . 290 . 302	Millimeters. . 283 . 298	Millimeters. . 258 . 273	Millimeters. . 260 . 271

EXERCISES OF PRESENTATION DAY.

The public anniversary of the college occurred on the 2d of May, the exercises being opened with prayer by the Rev. Charles A. Stakely, pastor of the First Baptist Church. John Arthur Boland, of Pennsylvania, a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, delivered an oration on "Self-culture." Isaac Goldberg, of New York, a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Science, delivered an oration on "The Origin and Progress of Chemical Science;" John Elmer Staudacher, of Iowa, a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Science, delivered an oration on "Discipline;" Henry Gross, of Missouri, a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, delivered an oration on "The Ancient Inhabitants of Mexico;" and James Lewis Smith, of Minnesota, a candidate for the degree of Master of Arts, B. A., 1883, presented an oration on "Richelieu." The Rev. Joseph H. Twichell, of Hartford, Conn., addressed the young men of the college very eloquently on "The Coming Man," and the honorable Secretary of the Interior made a few earnest and impressive remarks.

The exercises of the day were closed with the benediction by the Rev.

Teunis S. Hamlin, D. D., pastor of the Church of the Covenant.

At the close of the academic year in June, degrees were conferred on the several candidates, in accordance with the recommendations of presentation day.

Diplomas of honorable dismission were awarded to Zachariah B. Thompson, of Iowa, Russell S. Painter, of Colorado, and Henry R.

Spahr, of Pennsylvania.

Certificates of honorable dismission from the Kendall School were given to Clara L. Deputy, Edwina O. Youmans, Annie Zeust, and Alton Odom.

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YOUNG WOMEN IN THE COLLEGE.

The experiment of receiving young women in the college, spoken of in our last report as having just been entered upon, will be continued during the coming year. The results, thus far, are on the whole encouraging, though the number seeking admission has not been as great as was expected. During last year six young women were admitted. Three of these only have returned this year, and five others have been admitted, making eight at present pursuing study, five in the introductory class and three in the freshman class.

These young women represent the States of New York, Pennsylva-

nia, Maryland, Texas, Illinois, and Nebraska.

Ralance from old account

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The receipts and expenditures for the year now under review will appear from the following detailed statements:

SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account	\$83. 22
Received from Treasury of the United States	55, 000, 00 311, 20
Received from manual labor fund	
Received from board and tuition.	6, 610, 49
Received from work done in shop.	59.83
Received from sale of old buggies	70, 70
Received from sale of grease	5.51
Received from sale of old metal.	11.41
Received from sale of old metal. Received from Treasury of the United States for deficiencies in preceding	
fiscal year Received from rent of dwelling.	2,500.00
Received from rent of dwelling	32.50
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	64,684.86
EXPENDITURES.	
Expended for salaries and wages out of appropriations from Congress	24, 966. 48
Expended for salaries and wages out of funds belonging to the institu-	
Uloll	5,951.92
Expended for meats Expended for groceries.	4,032.71
Expended for groceries.	3, 239, 12
Expended for potatoes	303.10
Expended for household expenses, marketing, etc.	2 , 898 . 99
Expended for butter and eggs.	2,636.74
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Expended for furniture	1, 146, 00
Expended for lumber Expended for ice.	1, 164, 35
Expended for ice.	139, 09
Expended for printing Expended for medicines and chemicals	143, 65
Expended for headeness	761,58
Expended for hardware Expended for fuel	424.33
Expended for blacksmithing Expended for harness and repairs Expended for bread. Expended for wedligel and apprical attendance	2, 582, 99
Expanded for backsinting	98.30
Expended for horness and repairs	135. 25
Expended for medical and surgical atterdance	1,360,32
Expended for flowers and plants.	154.80
Expended for points oils when oto	182, 35 360, 38
Expended for paints, oils, glass, etc Expended for dry goods and clothing.	
Expended for flower and find	652, 57
Expended for flower and feed Expended for gas Expended for rent of telephone	863. 07
Expended for rent of telephone.	942, 28 100, 00
Expended for live-stock.	32, 40
Political Interpretation	32.40

Expended for entertainment of pupils	\$90.00
Expended for farm-tools, seeds, etc	126, 11
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Expended for wagon repairs, etc	361.55
Expended for auditing the accounts of the institution, and for traveling	
expenses of non-resident directors in attending meetings of the board.	380.00
Expended for books, etc	650, 67
Expended for grading	277, 68
Expended for steam faundry machinery	1,700.00
Expended for permanent fixtures in laboratory	1, 190, 02
Expended for stamped envelopes	21,80
Expended for repairs to tower clock and electrical attachment	100.00
Expended for china, glass, and wooden ware	435, 44
Expended for expenses of president in attending conference of principals	490.44
in Mississippi	125, 00
III Mississippi	
Balance	125, 29

64, 684, 86

ESTIMATES FOR NEXT YEAR.

The following estimate for the service of the fiscal year ending June

30, 1890, has already been submitted:

For the support of the institution, including salaries and incidental expenses, and for books and illustrative apparatus, for general repairs and improvements, \$57,500.

Also the following for the current fiscal year:

For current expenses for the year ending June 30, 1889, in addition

to the amount already appropriated, \$5,000.

The estimate for current expenses for the year ending June 30, 1890, \$57,500, is larger by \$2,500 than the amount appropriated for the last fiscal year.

The necessity for this increase arises out of the gradual but steady growth of the number to be cared for in the institution. In 1886 our pupils numbered 126. In 1887 we had 138, and our numbers are certain to exceed 150 next year. If the amount asked for is appropriated, the cost per pupil per annum will be considerably less than for the years 1886 and 1887.

The estimate of \$5,000 as a deficiency for the current fiscal year is submitted in view of the fact that Congress has appropriated for the expenses of this year only \$52,500, which is less by \$2,500 than the amount annually allowed by Congress for several years past.

In the opinion of the directors it will only be possible to bring the expenses of the current year within the amount already granted by Congress by such a curtailment of outlay as would seriously cripple the operations of the institution, and result greatly to the disadvantage of

those for whose benefit it is sustained.

It has been the uniform policy of the directors, since the foundation of the institution, to study the closest possible economy in its management consistent with the best possible results, and they have felt that the class of persons for whose benefit the institution was established, in view of the peculiar disability under which they labor, and which exists through no fault of their own, deserve educational facilities at least equal to the best afforded to their more favored brothers and sisters in any part of the country.

Believing it to be the policy of the Government to do as much as this for the children of silence who are gathered within the walls of the most prominent institution in the country, the directors have authorized the submission of these estimates, and will hope for their

favorable consideration by Congress.

CONFERENCE OF PRINCIPALS IN MISSISSIPPI.

In April last, the sixth national conference of principals of schools for the deaf was held at Jackson, Mississippi. The meeting was largely attended, and the delegates were most hospitably entertained by the State Institution for the Deaf at Jackson. Valuable papers were read and interesting discussions had.

This institution was represented by the president, who also visited, while in the South, the school for the deaf recently established at Saint

Augustine, Fla.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the board of

directors.

E. M. GALLAUDET, President.

Hon. WILLIAM F. VILAS, Secretary of the Interior.

APPENDIX.

CATALOGUE OF STUDENTS AND PUPILS.

IN THE COLLEGE.

From Colorado.

Russel Shipley Painter.

From Connecticut.

George Chauncey Williams.

From Delaware.

John C. Jump. Charles Blanchfield Merrick.

From Illinois.

Georgia Elliott, Lulu O. Herdman. Fredo Hyman, Lawrence F. James, William G. McIntosh. Oscar Regensburg. Charles D. Scaton. William I. Tilton.

From Indiana.

Ella F. Black, Gabriel P. Mattox.

From Iowa.

William W. Beadell.
Charles William Goodall.
Charles R. Hemstreet.
Paul Lange, jr.
Ellsworth Long.
Joseph Schuyler Long.
Edwin Pyle.
John Elmer Staudacher.
Zachariah B. Thompson.
Hobart Lorraine Tracy.

From Maine.

Amos Barton.

From Maryland.

Frank A. Leitner. Alto M. Lowman.

From Massachusetts.

George T. Sanders.

From Michigau.

Fred. Max Kaufman. James M. Stewart.

From Minnesota.

John Schwirtz, jr. Cadwallader Lincoln Washburn. From Missouri.

Hugh Kent Bush. Henry Gross. Stephen Shuey.

From Nebraska.

Margaret Ellen Rudd.

From New York.

Isaac Goldberg, Rosa Halpen. Martin Milford Taylor, Harry Van Allen. H. Earl Wilson, Phillip H. Brown,

From Ohio.

Clarence Wilton Charles. William Henry Zorn.

From Pennsylvania.

John Arthur Boland,
Harvey D. DeLong.
William DeWitt Himrod,
Gurney T. Hosterman,
Edwin Clarence Harah,
Ide L. Kinney,
Hattie A. Leffler,
Maggie A. McGinnis,
W. R. McIlvane,
Charles R. Neillie,
Henry R. Spahr,
Agatha Tiegel,
Oliver J. Whildin,

From South Carolina.

Michael Maddern.

From Tennessee.

Thomas Marr, jr. Alton Odom.

From Texas.

Harry E. Marsh. Ida M. Sartain. Robert M. Rives.

From Wisconsin.

Richard Ernest Dimick. Thomas Hagerty. Benjamin F. Round. Harry L. Stafford

From District of Columbia. John O'Rourke. Frank G. Wurdeman.

IN THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Females.

Mary Jane Booth, District of Columbia. Ida Boyer, Delaware.
Alverdia Cornog, Delaware.
Jeannette Dailey, District of Columbia.
Mary Dailey, District of Columbia.
Geneva De Lodge, Indian Territory.
Clara L. Deputy, Delaware.
Elizabeth Fagin, Delaware.
Sarah Louisa Fleming, Delaware.
Maggie Hyde, Delaware.
Anna L. Kurtz, Indiana.
Nellie Lynch, Delaware.

Irene B. Martin, District of Columbia.
Eleanor M. Perette, Indiana.
Mary Ann Primeau, Indian Territory.
Gertude Parker, Delaware.
Rosina Scott, District of Columbia.
Mary D. K. Sendkin, District of Columbia.
Lucy Smith, District of Columbia.
Eva Webster, Montana.
Bertha May Whitelock, Delaware.
Anna May Wood, Montana.
Edwina Olivet Youmans, South Carolina.
Annie Zeust, District of Columbia.

Males.

Anthony Allen, District of Columbia. Walter Argo, Delaware. William M. Argo, Delaware. Asbury Arnot, Indiana. J. Dunlop Baker, Virginia. William Brown, District of Columbia. William H. Catlett, District of Columbia. Harry R. Carr, District of Columbia. J. W. Clarke, Wyoming. Oliver J. Clarke, South Carolina. George R. Courtney, District of Columbia. George L. Crosby, Iowa. Charles H. H. Dodge, Minnesota. Hugh Dougherty, District of Columbia. Ralph H. Drought, Minnesota. August C. Essig, District of Columbia. Maurice T. Fell, Delaware. Henry J. Gilroy, District of Columbia. Eugene E. Hannon, District of Columbia. Thomas F. Harrihill, New York. Herbert Hurd, Delaware. Charles Inlow, Indiana. Herbert Jump, Delaware. John C. Jump, Delaware. Charles H. Keyser, District of Columbia.

Sidney W. King, Virginia.
Robert Kleberg, Texas.
Charles E. D. Krigbaum, District of Columbia.
Joseph M. Landon, District of Columbia.
Edward W. Lane, Montana.
George M. Leitner, Marylaud.
William Lowell, District of Columbia.
Michael Maddern, South Carolina.
Simon Mundheim, District of Columbia.
George W. McDonald, Nebraska.
Sheldon Miller, Mississippi.
Alton Odom, Tennessee.
Thomas H. Peters, Montana.
Robert M. Rives, Texas.
Henry H. Rohrer, Ohio.
Frank Stewart, District of Columbia.
James M. Stewart, Michigan.
Harry B. Shibley, Arkansas.
Richard Thomas, District of Columbia.
Hiram T. Wagner, Mississippi.
Daniel C. Watson, Tennessee.
Henry Willis, District of Columbia.
James Allen Wright, North Carolina.

REGULATIONS.

I. The academic year is divided into three terms, the first beginning on the Thursday before the last Thursday in September, and closing on the 24th of December; the second beginning the 2d of January, and closing the last of March; the third beginning the 1st of April, and closing the Wednesday before the last Wednesday in June.

II. The vacations are from the 24th of December to the 2d of January, and from the Wednesday before the last Wednesday in June to the Thursday before the last Thursday in September.

III. There are holidays at Thanksgiving, Washington's Birthday, Easter, and Deco-

ration Day.

IV. The pupils may visit their homes during the regular vacations and at the abovenamed holidays, but at no other time, unless for some special, urgent reason, and then only by permission of the president.

V. The bills for the maintenance and tuition of pupils supported by their friends

must be paid semi-annually, in advance.

VI. The charge for pay pupils is \$150 each per annum. This sum covers all expenses in the primary department except clothing, and all in the college except cloth-

ing and books.

VII. The Government of the United States defrays the expenses of those who reside in the District of Columbia, or whose parents are in the Army or Navy, provided they are unable to pay for their education. To students from the States and Territories who have not the means of defraying all the expenses of the college course the hoard of directors renders such assistance as circumstances seem to require, as far as the means at its disposal for this object will allow.

VIII. It is expected that the friends of the pupils will provide them with clothing, and it is important that upon entering or returning to the institution they should be supplied with a sufficient amount for an entire year. All clothing should be plainly

marked with the owner's name.

IX. All letters concerning pupils or applications for admission should be addressed

to the president.

X. The institution is open to visitors during term time on Thursdays only, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. Visitors are admitted to chapel services on Sunday afternoons at a quarter past 3 o'clock.

XI. Congress has made provision for the education, at public expense, of the indigent blind and the indigent feeble-minded of teachable age belonging to the District

of Columbia.

Persons desiring to avail themselves of these provisions are required by law to make application to the president of this institution.